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Seventh Department of Correction offender passes away due to COVID-19 virus

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A 60-year-old male is the seventh offender under the supervision of the Connecticut Department of Correction to pass away from complications related to the novel coronavirus.

Due to medical privacy laws, the name of the individual is not being released.

The deceased individual was transferred from the Osborn Correctional Institution to the UCONN Health Center for treatment on April 30, 2020. The individual had been taken to the hospital on several occasions throughout his 28-years of incarceration. He succumbed to his illness on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

He last entered the Connecticut correctional system on September 4, 1991, and was serving a 43-year sentence for Murder. His maximum release date was in September of 2023.

To date, of the 792 offenders who have tested positive for the novel coronavirus, 514 having already recovered from the virus.

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Approximately two weeks ago the Department of Correction began offering testing to its entire incarcerated population. Testing has been completed at both the Osborn Correctional Institution and the Corrigan-Radgowski Correctional Center, resulting in a total of 1,579 offenders tested. Of the nearly 1,600 tests there were 298 asymptomatic positive results. The number of asymptomatic positive results is much lower when compared to other states that have conducted mass testing of their offenders.

It has been three weeks since the previous offender had passed away from complications due to the COVID-19 virus.

“I was hopeful that we would not experience another death due to the coronavirus,” said Commissioner Rollin Cook. “We will keep working to prevent any more. My condolences go out to his family and loved ones.”